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St Louis Mo
April 1st 1840

Sir

Herewith enclosed you have
The Semiannual Returns of Med. Hosp. St. L.
- Truly report of Sick & Diary of
of St. Louis Arsenal
weather for the term ending 31st of
March 1840 - & also an abstract & a
current of expenditures at this station
~~in usual form~~ for the term ending
March 31- 1840-

The usual ^{off} duties & responsibilities
having necessarily ~~been~~ ^{been} performed
by ~~me~~ ^{me} since the acceptance of my resignation
the announcement of which was ~~not~~ ^{not} made
yet ~~but~~ ^{but} ~~not~~ ^{not} having
been ~~performed~~ ^{performed} ~~by~~ ^{by} ~~me~~ ^{me} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the performance of my ^{off} duties to the
Arsenal & ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the city. I
conceive it most proper & expedient that I
make ~~my~~ ^{my} reports to this ~~date~~ ^{date} of
presuming it will be approved by
H. ~~off~~ ^{off} & satisfactory to the ~~proper~~ ^{proper} ~~authorities~~ ^{authorities}.

Long & intimately associated with the ~~community~~ ^{community} of this vicinity & happily united to the
performance of official duty & professional
services to the ~~community~~ ^{community} of this vicinity.
I find it very difficult to suspend even
I painful to decline official services to my

military friends & acquaintances when called
upon for relief - ~~that having no notice~~
~~of the acceptance of my resignation till some~~
~~time in Feb. during the full period~~
~~of my usual duties & responsibilities~~
~~I could not then to this date make~~
~~any report according to -~~

I have ^{therefore} continued in the absence
of any ~~other~~ ^{other} ~~officer~~ ^{officer} to do it. to prescribe for
the officers & other families, Supply Returns
Requisitions & - procure medicines
when required for the Arsenal &
individuals - indeed all the official duties
~~formerly~~ incumbent upon me as Surgeon - have been
performed since as before the acceptance of my
resignation. Struck with a view ^{to the} ~~of the~~
good of public service & ^{satisfaction} ~~in~~ ^{myself} ~~in~~
belief in co-operation of which
I honestly conceive my self justly entitled
to my full pay ^{as such} ~~in~~ ^{to} this state
at least - for which purpose I also
enclose duplicates of my ap. to 31. &
waist. for ~~your~~ ^{very} consideration & ~~approval~~ ^{approval}
hope they ~~will~~ ^{may} ~~meet~~ ^{receive} your approval
& favorable in phrase with the ~~aid~~ ^{aid} of
me for allowance & authority for pay.

I have also occasion to ~~inform~~ ^{inform} you that no advice
or ^{or} ~~payment~~ ^{repayment} has been ~~received~~ ^{received} upon my individual ~~public~~
ap. for med. & for 243. Ith of 1839. acknowledged by
you to have been duly ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~approved~~ ^{approved} & debt to
an ~~advice~~ ^{offer} for ~~discharge~~ ^{discharge} in 24. off.

letter of Nov 7th Nov. last
 in other office a per of the same
 nature & date have been acknowledged
 approved & paid. by warrants from
 the Treasurer - I am wholly unconscious
 of having forfeited my claims upon the
 department for the same just consideration
 & attention - Will you have the
 kindness to advise me on the subject
 of this com^{re} at your earliest convenience
 I remain & much oblige
 Yrs Respectfully
 R.B.

March 31 - 1840 -

Last appl
 Letter to
 Surg'n Genl
 April 1. 1840